

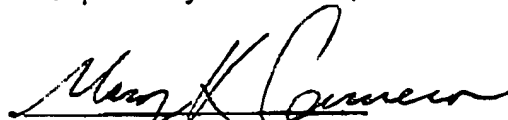
Preliminary Amendment of U.S. National Stage for International Application  
PCT/EP03/04306

Remarks

Claims currently pending in this application are 1-15, claims 1, 3 and 6 being independent. The Examiner's attention is respectfully directed to the fact that the original 20 claims pending in the PCT application were amended pursuant to PCT Article 19. Claims 1-15 recited above are the claims after entry of the Article 19 amendment in the international application, which replaced the original claims.

All changes shown in the above claims as underlined or strikethrough text are amendments being made by this preliminary amendment. Please cancel claims 1, 2 and 6-15 and add new claims 16-31. After entry of this amendment, claims 3-5 and 16-31 are pending in this application; claims 3, 18 and 26 being independent. New claims have been added directed to various aspects of the invention, support for which is found in the application as originally filed. No new matter has been added. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees to Deposit Account No. 01-1250. Please direct any comments or questions regarding this amendment to the undersigned.

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